



***2022 Temporary 1039 Helitack Outreach GS-0462-04 thru
GS-0462-05***

The Salmon Airbase is planning to fill multiple temporary helitack positions for the 2022 fire season. This outreach is for GS-0462-04 through GS-0462-05 temp helitack positions. The positions are at the Salmon Airbase, home of the Salmon Heli-Rappellers. Each vacancy announcement number for the GS-4 and GS-5 are listed below.



About the Positions

We are seeking individuals who are looking to accept the challenge of a heli-rappeller. Desired candidates demonstrate initiative, motivation, integrity, positive attitudes and can work independently. Candidates must display an outstanding work ethic and conduct themselves as a professional acknowledging their performance reflects on the Salmon Air Base and every rappeller nationally.

Rappellers are trained for deployment in remote and rugged terrain where extraction options are limited and frequently difficult. This point is made clear when deployed in the Salmon River breaks of the Salmon/Challis National Forest, amongst the most difficult locations to fight fire within the region. For rappellers, it is essential that they develop and maintain a high level of mental and physical fitness to ensure the safety of themselves and their fellow firefighters. The importance of physical fitness cannot be overstated and is critical to success at the Salmon Air Base.

Minimum requirements for GS-0462-04: Six months prior work experience as a GS-3 in a similar field will qualify you as a GS-4. Any college education related to the field.

Minimum requirements for GS-0462-05: One year work experience as a GS-4 in similar field, or college education related to the field. Applicant also must be qualified Fire Fighter Type 1 (FFT1) and have proof of completing Intermediate Fire Behavior (S-290).



About the Salmon Airbase

The Salmon Air Base (SAB) was established on the Salmon/Challis National Forest in 2008 and is located at the Lemhi County Airport. SAB is the product of three rappel programs (Moyer Basin, Indianola and Salmon National) combining to create the largest rappel base in the nation. The intent of the program is to provide a highly skilled national resource trained for initial attack firefighting that can be relied upon to deliver the highest level of fire and aviation services.

The Salmon Air Base is staffed with 45 (+/-) firefighters of diverse backgrounds from across the United States. The program has one Base Manager (GS-11), two Superintendents (GS-9), four Captains (GS-8), eight Squad Leaders (GS-6/7), sixteen Senior Firefighters (GS-5), and 14 seasonal positions (GS-4 and 5). The larger organization and 80:20 ratio of permanent to seasonal employees at the Salmon Air Base provides opportunity for experienced seasonal firefighters to become permanent employees and develop a wide range of experience.

How to Apply:

Apply to vacancy announcements via the “USAJOBS” webpage, at www.usajobs.gov.

Step 1—Create a USAJOBS account (if you do not already have one). It is recommended that as part of your profile, you set up automatic email notifications to be informed when the status of your application changes. If you choose not to set up this automatic notification, you will need to log into your USAJOBS account to check on the status of your application.

Step 2 — Create a resume with USAJOBS or upload a resume into your USAJOBS account profile. Customize your resume to ensure it accurately depicts your duties and accomplishments as they pertain to the position for which you are applying. Include accurate information about the length of time you performed such duties, as it is a key factor in determining whether or not you qualify for a specific pay grade. In addition, your resume must support your responses to the online questionnaire (you may preview the online questionnaire by clicking on the link at the end of the “How You Will Be Evaluated” section of the job announcement).

Step 3

All **GS-4** applicants must apply online at www.usajobs.gov starting **November 5th, 2021** for GS-4 announcement number **22-TEMPF3-R4-0003-4DH**. Applicant must pick Salmon, ID as duty location to be considered for a position with the Salmon Heli-Rappellers.

All **GS-5** applicants must apply online at www.usajobs.gov starting **November 5th, 2021**.for GS-5 announcement number **22-TEMPF3-R4-0200-5DH**. Applicant must pick Salmon, ID as duty location to be considered for a position with the Salmon Heli-Rappellers.

Applications must be posted in USAJOBS no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on November 12th to be considered for Temp GS-4 or GS-5 positions.



The Process and Timeline

- **Applications must be submitted by November 12th, 2021 to be considered for a position.**
- **Salmon Airbase hiring managers will receive candidate lists on January 6th, 2022.**
- **Salmon Airbase hiring managers will review applications and complete reference checks approximately January 6th – January 12th, 2022.**
- **Selections for vacant positions will be made approximately January 10th – January 14th, 2022.**

About the Forest

The Salmon-Challis National Forest covers over 4.3 million acres in east-central Idaho. The Forest is bordered by the Bitterroot Range of the north-central Rockies on the east, and to the west includes over 1.3 million acres of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Rugged and remote, this country offers adventure, solitude and breathtaking scenery. The Forest also contains Mt. Borah, Idaho's tallest peak and the Wild and Scenic Salmon River and Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The area is a highly desired destination for hunting, fishing, whitewater rafting and many other recreation pursuits. It features diverse rough topography and geology, often severe weather conditions and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat creating a highly complex land management situation. The Forest Headquarters Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently six administrative units on the Forest: SalmonCobalt, Challis-Yankee Fork, Lost River, Middle Fork, North Fork and Leadore Ranger Districts. The forest has a very active fire/fuels program and fire workload averaging nearly 100 fires per year. The fires often occur in very remote and inaccessible terrain. Fuels on the forest consist of grass and sage in the lower elevations to Lodge Pole pine and Sub-alpine fir at the higher elevations.

The forest currently staffs 4 - Type 6 Engines, 2 – Type 3 Helicopters, 2 – Rappel capable Type 2 Helicopters, 1 – Wildland Fire Module, an Interagency Dispatch Center, 2- Fuels Crews, and 2-Prevention Techs.

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